

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing in regard to Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of the
FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

I am a recent college graduate looking for a job in the television
industry. Through my personal research of current trends in the industry
(where the jobs are) and where I should apply, I have come to understand
first-hand the problem with media consolidation. There seems to be only a
very few number of companies to apply to for work. As I understand, there
are only a half dozen companies that control most of the industry I hope
to work in. I fear that in the next few years, with more mergers, it will
be increasingly difficult to attain and retain a position. What will
competitive salaries look like when only two companies control all the
jobs in media? The spectrum of views presented will be severely limited.
How can I develop creative television productions if my views go against
those of the parent company?

In promoting its supposed goals of fair competition, diversity and local
voice in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should
retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These
rules serve me and other people that are in the same boat, by limiting the
market power of the huge, dominant companies and players in the television
industry.

I urge the FCC to preserve the public interest by keeping the media
ownership rules in question intact.

Also, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in
Richmond, VA in February of 2003. I strongly encourage the Commission to
hold similar hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest
possible participation from the public. I live in the NY metropolitan
area and was happy that the FCC held a hearing at Columbia University this
past month. I encourage the Commissioners to come out and meet some of
the normal people who have an interest in this issue.

Thank you,

Joseph Bamat